(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Disinclination to extend financial support by international agencies

361. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many international banks and funding agencies have shown disinclination to extend financial support to the power projects in the country drawn up by the NHPC;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the objections and problems raised by international funding agencies?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No international bank or funding agency has shown disinclination to extend financial support to power projects of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Status of Omkareshwar Power Project

362. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Omkareshwar Power Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that prinicipal financier to the project Deutsche Bank is in the process of withdrawing from the project; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The Omkareshwar Project in Madhya Pradesh is a multi-purpose project with an overall installed capacity of 520 MW. The project was approved for implementation by the Narmada Hydroelectric Development Corporation Limited (NHDC) (a Joint Ventre of Government of Madhya Pradesh and the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd.) in May, 2003. The project, which is scheduled for commissioning in February 2008, is presently under initial stages of construction.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) NHDC had issued a mandate in favour of M/s Deutsche Bank for arranging NEXI United Credit Facility for Omkareshwar Project for an amount of US$ 250 million in Japanese Yen equivalent. However, as M/s Deutsche Bank showed its inability to arrange finances under the said facility, NHDC, after exploring alternative financing through Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) facility and through Export Credit Agency (ECA) under HERMES cover, have now decided to give mandate in favour of UTI Bank and Barclays Bank to arrange Rupee loan linked to interest rates of US LIBOR with a tenure of 14 years as per the agreed terms and conditions.

Per capita consumption of power

†363. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average per capita consumption of power in various States;

(b) whether there is any incentive scheme for decreasing consumption of power in the States with low per capita consumption; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Per capita consumption of electricity, State-wise during the year 2002-03 is enclosed as Statement (See below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Per capita consumption of electricity during the year 2002-03

Name of the State/UT	Per capita consumption* Kwh.)
1	2
Haryana	997.08
Himachal Pradesh	598.71
Jammu & Kashmir	592.41
Punjab	1227.39

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.